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The information below is of interest primarily as an example of Communist combat techniques.

1. On 24 August 1951 the Communist Free Austrian Youth (F0eJ) called out approximately 120 activists from Vienna XXII (Soviet Sector), for the purpose of breaking up an alleged neo-Fascist meeting in the Lobau area. Jeninger, the F0eJ official in charge of the project, stated that groups of neo-Fascists had recently camped along the Lobau Canal on week ends and had frequently been heard singing Nazi songs. He added that plant guards of the OROP Wifo-Lobau storage depot had reported this activity to the Austrian Police, but that the police had failed to intervene. For this reason, Jeninger concluded, the Communists would have to act on their own initiative to break up the gatherings.
2. At 2100 hours the F0eJ activists set out, by truck and bicycle, for the Wifo-Lobau storage depot. Here they were divided into groups of 20 men each and instructed to hide in the area, attacking the campers after the singing started. For this purpose Jeninger distributed cable truncheons and cast-iron knuckle-dusters which had been procured several hours in advance from the USIA-controlled Gaagner-Biro plant.*
3. Although the F0eJ units waited until after midnight, there were no manifestations of Nazi activity on the part of the Lobau campers. At 0200 hours couriers were dispatched throughout the area to inform the activists that the project had been cancelled. Jeninger assured them that the Lobau groups would be carefully watched during the coming weeks, and promised combat action in the near future.

25X1A * **Comment:** The knuckle-dusters and approximately 100 lengths of lead-covered cable were stored in, and later returned to, the patchhouse at Gaagner-Biro Plant I. During the afternoon of 24 August, an F0eJ official was dispatched by truck to pick up this equipment.

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